

introduces the pharmaceutical active and claim 11 properly depends from claim 10 and recites an additional feature of the pharmaceutical active, i.e. that it is "difficultly soluble".

Applicant submits that this amendment thus does not introduce new matter.

Claims 27 and 53:

A typographical error has been corrected in these claims by changing the singular noun "Dalton" to its plural form, "Daltons". Also, the spelling of the word "administrable" has been corrected in claim 53.

Applicant submits that this amendment thus does not introduce new matter.

Claim 52. A typographical error has been corrected in this claim. In the lettering scheme "a, b, c..." etc, the letter "g" was inadvertently used twice. This error has hereby been corrected by replacing the second "g" with an "h". Also, the spelling of the word "administrable" has been corrected.

Applicant submits that this amendment does not introduce new matter.

Claim 56. This claim, as written, depends from claim 27 and states that the dissolution/solubilization agent of the composition of claim 27 has a molecular weight of about 50 to about 500 Daltons. However, claim 27 already stipulates that this is the case. Claim 56 as written is therefore redundant. In fact, claim 56 should be associated with the method claim of claim 54, where the weight range of the dissolution/solubilization agent is not specified. Claim 56 has hereby been amended to accurately depend from claim 54, and thus now recites a "method (rather than a composition) of claim 54".

The singular noun "Dalton" has also been changed to "Daltons" as in previous claims 27 and 53.

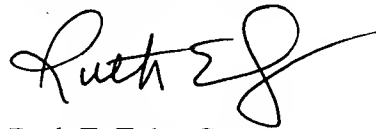
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**Formal Matters and Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above preliminary amendments to the claims of the application.

No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to attorney's deposit account # 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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10. A composition as recited in claim 1, wherein said compound is a pharmaceutical active.

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11. A composition as recited in claim 10, wherein said pharmaceutical active is difficulty soluble in water.

27. A composition comprising,  
a structured fluid, comprising  
a polar solvent,  
a lipid or a surfactant, and  
an essential oil or a dissolution/solubilization agent or both an essential oil and a dissolution/solubilization agent, said dissolution/solubilization agent having  
a. at least one polar group in its molecular structure,  
b. a molecular weight from about 50 to about 500 Daltons and  
c. an octanol-water partition coefficient greater than about 10; and  
a compound present in said structured fluid, wherein said compound is otherwise less than 5% by weight soluble in soybean oil.

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52. An internally administrable solvent system comprising a structured fluid formed from  
a. a polar solvent,  
b. a lipid or a surfactant, and  
c. an essential oil or a dissolution/solubilization agent or both an essential oil and a dissolution/solubilization agent, said dissolution/solubilization agent being selected from

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d. gentisic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, N-alkylated amino acids, or a

salt thereof;

- e. a fat-soluble vitamin or a salt thereof;
- f. amphiphilic derivatives of a water-soluble vitamin or a salt thereof;
- g. 8-hydroxyquinoline; and
- h. a low water-solubility amino acid or a salt thereof.

- a. at least one polar group in its molecular structure,
- b. a molecular weight from about 50 to about 500 Daltons and
- c. an octanol-water partition coefficient greater than about 10; and

a compound present in said structured fluid, wherein said compound is otherwise less than 5% by weight soluble in soybean oil.

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53. An internally administrable solvent system comprising a structured fluid formed from

- a. a polar solvent,
- b. a lipid or a surfactant, and
- c. an essential oil or a dissolution/solubilization agent or both an essential oil and

a dissolution/solubilization agent, said dissolution/solubilization agent having

- a. at least one polar group in its molecular structure,
- b. a molecular weight from about 50 to about 500 Daltons and
- c. an octanol-water partition coefficient greater than about 10.

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56. A method as recited in claim 54, wherein said dissolution/solubilization agent has a molecular weight from about 50 to about 500 Daltons.